

PHYSICAL EVALUATION BRANCH (adm-1) QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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CHANGES TO THE CG-4920

When Informal Physical Evaluation Board findings are made on a member, they have the option to elect legal counsel that helps them accept or reject their findings. In order to ensure that an attorney can give the member timely assistance, a new statement will be added to the bottom of the CG-4920 that allows adm-1 to send a copy of the member's board to Coast Guard counsel as soon as it is received -- instead of weeks

later when findings are made. This will help to expedite the PEB process.

Please make sure that you are counseling your members about what this new statement means when they initial beside it. All members will still receive a form with their findings that allows them to elect a civilian attorney, at personal expense, if they prefer.



WHAT IS TEMPORARY LIMITED DUTY (TLD)?

In some cases, a member who becomes available for limited duty due to an incapacitation may eventually recover and become available for full duty. A member such as this would not be appropriate for the Physical Disability Evaluation System (PDES) per se, in that there is a reasonable expectation the member will fully recover. For members who fall into this category, TLD policy is in place to provide higher visibility to the Coast Guard of the member and their condition (and in some cases, triggering a replacement for the member) while allowing for eventual recovery of the member.

Per PDES, COMDTINST M1850.2D, Section 2.C.12, the Clinic Administrator and the Medical Officer (MO) will make a recommendation for TLD during the first three months of injury or illness. TLD should be used when there is a reasonable expectation the member will be fit for full duty. During the TLD period the MO or the Clinic Administrator can always initiate the medical board if the member's condition will not get better or has worsened. However, at the end of the 9 to 12 month period the MO must give a recommendation of fit for full duty or convene a medical board.

New Branch Newsletter!

It is our mission to provide outstanding customer service to the members, clinics and commands involved in our process. For this reason, we decided to create a quarterly newsletter that covers "hot" issues in our office and in the field.

If there is a topic you think we should cover, please visit our web site and give us your suggestions!

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgpc/adm/adm1.htm>



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